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(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Government has been raising the issue of meaningful integration, including enhanced quota, under WTO agreement on Textile and Clothing at various fora.

The quota limits of all restraining countries, including US, are getting increased progressively from year to year on the basis of enhanced positive growth rates envisaged under WTO agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

**Setting up crisis cell to tackle export problem of textile industry**

1191. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a crisis cell has been set up to tackle export problems of textile industry effected by the recent terrorist attacks in th'e US; and

(b) if so, the measures suggested by them to check the declining trend in textile exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) In the context of export slowdown and to address the field level operational problems and the problems related to policy interpretation, in a time bound manner, a Crisis Watch Group on Textile Exports has been set up. The first meeting of the Group was held on 21.11.2001, wherein the representatives of various Textile Export Promotion Councils agreed to furnish such problems on a regular basis for resolution with concerned agencies through the mechanism of the Crisis Watch Group.